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cancel. electrodes 22 and 23. A black matrix 25 is formed below the first transparent electrode 22 and below the slit patterns 21 to shield lights.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3[✓] without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a first electrode on a first substrate having a plurality of slit patterns;
a second electrode on a second substrate;
a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates, the liquid crystal layer having different alignment directions by each slit pattern; and
at least one light-shielding layer below each slit pattern.

4. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a first electrode on a first substrate having a plurality of slit patterns;
a second electrode on a second substrate;
a liquid crystal layer between the first and second substrates, the liquid crystal layer having different alignment directions by each slit pattern; and
at least one light-shielding layer below the first electrode and the slit patterns.

8. (Amended) A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display device on first and second substrates, comprising:

forming at least one light-shielding layer on the first substrate;

forming a first electrode on the first substrate, the first electrode having a plurality of slit patterns over the light-shielding layer;

forming a second electrode on the second substrate;

assembling the first and second substrates; and

forming a liquid crystal layer having different alignment directions by each slit pattern between the first and second substrates.

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